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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A document. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior

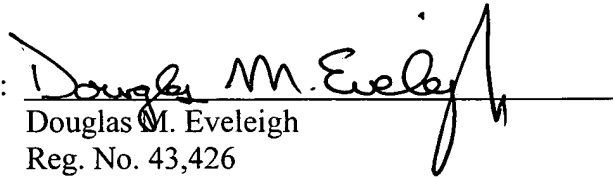
art.” If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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